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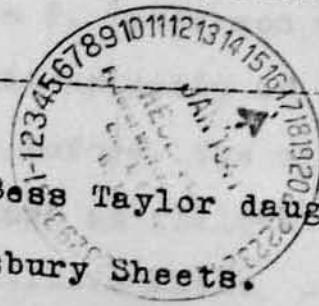
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WESLEY CHAPEL--IN GLADE HILL COMMUNITY

The first church services in this community were held in the old Glade Hill school house. This class was organized by Harvey Curry, William Cooper and James F. Patterson and was an appointment on the Greenbank circuit as early as 1873. There are no older records to tell how long before. The oldest class book available give the Glade Hill class as follows:

date admitted-----name-----

1873

J. Harvey Curry, Margaret Maupin,  
James F. Patterson, Joseph Cooper,  
Rachel Patterson, Mary E. Cooper,  
Margaret Hudson, Elizabeth Nottingham,  
Rachel Nottingham, Caroline Nottingham,  
Virginia Galford, Sarah Arbogast,  
Naomi Galford  
Elizabeth Galford  
Andrew Kerr  
Eliza V. Kerr  
Nannie Kerr  
Caroline Kerr  
Malinda Cooper  
Harriet Gump,

1873

Elizabeth Mays, Samuel Phillips,  
Mary Phillips, George Kerr,

1876

Perry Mays, Harvey Nottingham,  
Dollie Bell Gump, Margaret Nottingham,  
Alice L. Akers, James Curry, Jr.

date admitted ----- name

1876 Sherman Sutton, Samuel Kerr,  
" William A. Wooddell, John W. Sheets,  
" Mary E. Nottingham, Alice Maupin,  
" Julia Nottingham, Benj. n. Doyle,  
" George Cooper, William Taylor,  
" Rhoda Mays, Georgie Gum, XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
" Elizabeth Taylor, Thomas Maupin,  
" John L. Hudson, Maggie V. Hudson,  
" Mary Hull, Nannie Taylor,  
" Peter Carpenter, Sallie Carpenter,  
" Sallie Patterson, Arabelle Nottingham  
" Louise Cooper, Ella Kerr,  
" George McLaughlin, Addison Nottingham,  
" Virgie Nottingham, Jennie McLaughlin,  
" Margaret Tracy, C. M. Sutton

A. Harvey Curry was class leader of this Glade Hill class,  
and James F. Patterson was the first superintendant.

After the Dunmore church was built many of these members  
who lived nearer Dunmore were transferred to that church, and  
church services were held in the old Oak Grove school house  
which was nearer to the members that were left. It served as a  
community center until the Wesley Chapel Church was built. Preaching  
Sunday School and singing was conducted under the auspices of  
the M. E. Church, South.

On February 17, 1894 a meeting was held at the Oak Grove  
school house for the purpose of appointing a building committee  
to go ahead with plans for the building of a church. The members  
appointed were Warwick B. Hudson, Pres., Asbury Sheets, Treas.,

James R. Patterson, Sec. and W. W. Galford and Harry L. Taylor. On March 16, 1895 this committee met for the purpose of selecting a name for the church. James R. Patterson suggested that they call it Wesley Chapel in memory of John Wesley, so the name was chosen.

The church was built by John Noel, a man by the name of Wade and the seats were made by James R. Patterson.

It was dedicated in September 1897 by Rev. V. Wheeler. His text was taken from John 13:1 "Having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end." Rev. J. D. Martin was Presiding Elder and Rev. J. M. Eavy preacher in charge.

At the present there are 180 members in this church, but like most churches only a few working members.

The present trustees are J. A. Sheets, E. A. Hudson, and S. H. Elliot.

The Stewards are S. H. Elliot, Everett A. Sheets, E. A. Hudson and John Matheney.

S. H. Elliot is the Sunday school Supt. also one of the teachers. other teachers and workers are J. A. Sheets, Mrs. J. A. Sheets, and Mrs. Ray Horner.

The Womans Society Christian Service is united with that of the Greenbank church with Mrs. Quade R. Arbogast as Pres. Mrs. Arbogast is the ministers wife.

There are only two of the old original members ~~are~~ still living.

Others who belonged to the Wesley Chapel in the beginning are:

Mary Galford, Virgie Cackley, Lillie J. Oliver, Jennie McLaughlin, Margaret Tracy, Elizabeth Galford, Gatewood Sutton, John A. Galford, Victoria Taylor, Lillie J. Alderman, Mary Hudson, Julia Lockridge, Annie Kerr, Ada Galford, Henrietta Nottingham, J. A. Patterson, S. W. Hoover, Lucy Hoover, William J. Moore, Juanita Moore, Malinda Ray, Florence Tacy,

Sarah Sharp, Charles Gum, Virginia Taylor, Henry Taylor,  
George W. Taylor, W. N. Hoover, James Taylor, Bertie  
Arbogast, Cecelia Kellison, W. W. Galford, Morgan Curry,  
Alice Kelley, Adam Wooddell, J. Asbury Sheets, Jane A. Sheets,  
Minnie Curry, Frank Curry, Hattie Hudson, Ethel Hudson,  
Leola L. Patterson, Mattie Cooper, Snowden Cooper, Walter  
Cooper, Vivian Cooper, Minnie Sheets, Nancy Galford,  
Henry Sheets, Henry Arbogast, and Charles Hoover.

The deed for the land was given by April 19, 1894 by  
Henry L. Taylor and Early V. Taylor, his wife, to J. Asbury  
Sheets, James F. Patterson, Henry L. Taylor, W. W. Galford  
and W. B. Hudson trustees, one acre of land upon which there  
shall be erected a place of worship for the ministers and mem-  
bers of the M. E. Church, South. Remainder of lot to be used  
as a cemetery as a burial ground for the use of the ~~MEMBER~~  
neighborhood worshiping at said church, subject to the control  
and such rules and regulations in the relation to the burial  
of the dead as may be adopted by a majority of the aforesaid  
trustees.

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